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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Theodore J. Stigell

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The amendments to the Specification, filed 4/7/2006, have been acknowledged and accepted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Yamamoto (WO 03/039644). Yamamoto discloses a liquid injector for causing a syringe (1000) to suck a liquid from a liquid tank (2000) and inject the liquid into a patient, the syringe having a cylinder member and a piston member (1002) inserted slidably into the cylinder member comprising a patient tube (3010) having a leading end connected to a patient, a syringe tube (3001) connected to the syringe, a tank tube (3004) having a trailing end connected to the liquid tank, a tube connecting means (not numbered) for connecting a trailing end of the patient tube, a leading end of the syringe tube, and a leading end of the tank tube, a syringe drive mechanism for relatively moving the cylinder member and the piston member to cause the syringe to suck and inject fluid, a connection switch mechanism (101, 102) for switching between a suck state in which the patient tube is blocked and the syringe tube is connected to the tank tube and an injection state in which the tank tube is blocked and the syringe tube is

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connected to the patient tube, an interlock control means for interlocking operation of the syringe drive mechanism and operation of the connection switch mechanism and an attachment tube (3008) connected to the patient tube, and an attachment block mechanism (103) for pressing and blocking the attachment tube to freely open or close the attachment tube, wherein the control means causes the attachment block mechanism to release the blocking only when the patient tube is blocked (Figure 13), wherein the connection switch mechanism can include a switching valve as is well-known in the art, wherein the connection switch mechanism has an injection block mechanism (103) and a suck block mechanism (101), wherein the connection switch mechanism also has an open or close mechanism (222,218) for interlocking open and close operation of the injection block mechanism, wherein the interlock control means causes the injection block mechanism to block the patient tube when the injection is completed, and further comprising an injection block sensor and a suck block sensor.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


US 6,650,929 to Nemoto et al.
US 6,371,942 to Schwartz et al.
US 5,334,170 to Moroski
US 6,866,654 to Callan et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theodore J. Stigell whose telephone number is 571-272-8759. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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